(b) if not, what are the reasons for the delay; and

(c) by when the decision is likely to be taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) to (c) Government have received a proposal from the State Bank of India for the merger of its seven Associate Banks into a single bank. Government have solicited the views of Reserve Bank of India on the proposal. It would not be possible to indicate at this stage by when a decision would be taken in the matter.

Income Tax arrears against Film Stan

158. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS SHRI MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the film stars against whom income tax arrears amounting to more than Rupees one lakh is outstanding as on the 31st March, 1993; and

(b) since when these arrears are outstanding and what steps have been taken by Government to recover the amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) and (b) As per statements 'A' and 'B' attached.

Statement 'A'

Tax Arrears Against Film Stars

S. No.	Name of film stars	Arrears outstanding since
1	2	3
	(S/Shri)	Financial Year
	(Information upto 31-3-1993)	
1.	Smt. Dimple Kapadia	1992-93
2.	Ms. Nayantara Katkar	1992-93
3.	Ms. Rekha Ganeshan	1991-92
4.	Rajesh Khanna	1976-77
5.	Late Ranbir Raj Kapoor	1992-93
6.	Shakti Kapoor	1992-93
7.	Shree Ram Lagoo	1992-93
8.	Smt. Tina Ambani	1992-93
9.	Late Amjad Khan	1987-88
10.	Ms. G. Madhavi	1984-85
11.	Neelam Kothari	1991-92
12.	Reena Roy	1992-93
13.	Vikram (Alias) M. N. Makaunder	1992-93
14.	Rati Agnihotri	1992-93
15.	Suyesh Pande	1992-93
16.	Saira Banu	1992-93

1	2	3
	(S/Shri)	
17.	O. P. Ralhon	1992-93
18.	Satyendra Kumar Sharma	1992-93
19.	Naseeruddin Shah	1992-93
20.	Shabana Azmi	1992-93
21.	Shatrughan Sinha	1992-93
22.	Raj Babbar	1992-93
23.	Gulshan Grover	1992-93
24.	Govinnd Ahuja	1992-93
25.	N. T. Rama Rao	Since long
26.	N. Bala Krishna	Since long
27.	V. C. Ganesan	1991-92
28.	Silk Smitha	1989-90
29.	*K. Chiranjeevi*	*1992-93*
30.	Mohan Babu	1992-93
31.	Prem Nazir	1980-81 to 1985-86
32.	Arjun	1991-92 to 1993-94
33.	R. Ganesan	1990-91
34.	Srividya	1989-90
35.	T. Goutami	1992-93
36.	M. R. Radhika	1985-86
37.	Dr. V. Rajesekhar	1992-93
38.	Karthika alias Murali	1992-93
39.	M. S. Keerthi	1991-92
40.	T. Sarada	1992-93
41.	G. B. Rajendra Prasad	*1992-93*
42.	M. R. Viswanathan	1992-93
43.	K. G. Ramaprabha	1991-92
44.	Rekha	1990-91
45.	T. Rajender	1991-92
46.	Kovai Sarala	1992-93
47.	U. Shoben Babu	1991-92
48.	P. S. Seetha	1990-91
49.	Ms. Malashree	1992-93
50.	Ms. Chandra Lekha	1992-93
51.	Biswajit Chatterjee	Since long
52.	Sumitra Chatterjee	2 years
53.	Smt. S. Ambika	1991-92
54.	Smt. S. Radha	1991-92
	(Information upto 28-2-93)	
1.	Smt. R. Jayapradha	1990-91

1	2	3
	(Information upto 31-12-92)	
1.	A. Sridevi	1991-92
2.	Smt. Suhasini Maniratnam	1989-90
3.	G. S. R. Krishnamurthy	1987-88
4.	R. Rajnikant	1991-92
5.	S. Kamal Hassan	1990-91
6.	K. Bhagyaraj	1991-92

Statement 'B'

Steps taken by Government to recover the outstanding income-tax dues :—

1. In some cases, the movable and immovable assets of the assessees have been attached for recovery of the demands
2. In some cases, the demands have been certified to the Tax Recovery Officer for necessary action as per Law.
3. In soma cases due to the death of the assesses recovery action has been initiated against the legal heirs.
4. In some cases, the TROs (Tax Recovery Officers) and the Assessing Officers are taking coercive action for collection of the demand.
5. In soma cases, after considering the petitions of the assessee, they have been allowed to pay the tax demand in instalments.
6. In some cases where refunds are due to the assessees, the same are being adjusted against the outstanding demand.
7. In one case the L. I.C. annuity of the assessee has been attached and notices under section 220(1) issued.
8. In some cases the bank account and the rental income of the assessee have been attacned.

Bank advertisements for auction of jewellery

159. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that nationalised banks published advertisements in News Papers from Vijaywada regarding auctioning of jewellery hypothecated towards Agricultural loan;

(b) if so, what is the amount spent during the last six months on these advertisements; and

(c) whether the amount is charged from the loanees; and

(d) if so, what amount is added to the liability of the loanees on an average ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) to (d) The banks exhaust all avenues of recovery to safeguard their interests and enforce the securities available with them for this purpose within the period of law of limitation. The recovery of dues from the borrowers is a normal banking activity, and the banks take various steps for the same which inter-alia include filling of suits, disposal of securities pledged with the bank including jewellery etc. The number of accounts, where recovery proceedings are taken, are large and it may